

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005. Claims 2, 5, 27, 29, and 30 were objected to. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-26, and 28 were rejected. The claims have been amended to address the concerns raised by the Examiner.

Claims 1-30 were originally presented. Claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-22, 24-26, and 28-30 remain in the application. Claims 4, 5, 13, 23, and 27 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 6, 11, 14, 15, 18, 20, 24, 25 and 26 have been amended. No claims have been added.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 5, 27, 29, and 30, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 11 (including independent claims 1 and 11) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable by Soh et al, US 6,060,895 (hereinafter “Soh”).

Independent claim 5 was indicated as allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 4 and 5 has been added to independent claim 1. Independent claims 11, 18, and 24 were similarly amended with the subject matter of dependent claims 13, 23, and 27 respectively. Dependent claims 4, 5, 13, 23, and 27 were canceled. Dependent claims 6, 14, 15, 20, 25 and 26 have been amended to correct for antecedent basis due to the amendments of the independent claims. No new matter has been added to any of the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 18, and 24, as amended now contain allowable subject matter and urges the Examiner to withdraw the rejection..

Rejection of the dependent claims 3, 6-10, 12, 14-17, 19-22, 24-26, and 28 should be reconsidered and withdrawn for at least the reasons given above with respect to the independent claims. The dependent claims, being narrower in scope, are allowable for at least the reasons for which the independent claims are allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Soh in view of Mok et al, US 6,791,171 (hereinafter “Mok”). Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 12-26, and 28 (including independent claims 18 and 24) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mok and Soh, further in view of Gold et al., US App 2003/0158697 (hereinafter “Gold”).

As stated above, independent claims 1, 11, 18, and 24 have been amended. As amended, the claims now contain allowable subject matter over the cited prior art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 18, and 24, as amended are allowable, and urges the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Rejection of the dependent claims 3, 6, 7, 8-10, 12, 14-17, 19-26, and 28 should be reconsidered and withdrawn for at least the reasons given above with respect to the independent claims. The dependent claims, being narrower in scope, are allowable for at least the reasons for which the independent claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

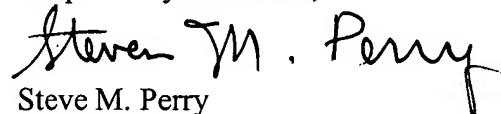
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-22, 24-26, and 28-30 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Steve M. Perry at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No claims were added. Therefore, no additional fee is due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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